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## St. Mary Magdalene E-News

May 8, 2020

### A Note From Father Donald Staib

On a happy note today - I wish all mothers and all who serve in maternal roles to people a blessed day. In days of stress and difficulty the care of assurance and love from mothers is a gift to us all.

On a sad note - this weekend was supposed to be First Communion week. Please give your children an extra hug for me. I would rather be standing at the Jonah statue for pictures with them.

Our Staff has had discussions about how we might have Communion for this group of children, but there is not a clear direction we can go with the information we have now. But it is an issue we want to keep as a priority.

We are also praying about Confirmations and the RCIA candidates. We are still advised not to schedule Confessions.

To repeat an announcement from previous weeks: be aware scammers are sending emails and text in my name asking for donations. They are spam.

This e-news is sent every week at noon on Friday. There is likely to be a special e-news sent to you later in the evening Friday.

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St. Mary Magdalene E-News

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**Our 10:45am Mass is Live Streamed!**

As all of us know, the State of NC is moving into Phase 1 restrictions as we come out of the COVID pandemic. With the governor's executive order, Worship services are permitted to resume in

outdoor settings for more than 10 participants. The Diocese of Raleigh released guidance to Pastors on Thursday to help ensure proper adherence to liturgical requirements while welcoming parishioners back to Mass.

At this time, we will continue our plans for the one Sunday Mass at 10:45am which will be live streamed via YouTube for our parish. We are moving forward with plans to resume Mass in the Church but will only do so in a safe, socially distancing manner. Some environmental modifications need to be made while supplies have to be ordered to ensure safety for all.

Please join me, as so many of you have at 10:45am Sunday for our Mass. The Link for the Live Stream is below.

Click [HERE](#) to Live Stream our 10:45am Mass

### Music for this week's Mass 5/10/20

Sing of the Lord's Goodness	#562
Psalm 33: Let your mercy be on us, O God, as we place our trust in you.	
Preparation: Come to the Water	#603
Communion: Like a Child Rests	#454
Sending Forth: Join in the Dance	#567

## Special Announcement

The Parish Finance Committee is pleased to announce that our Parish (Church and School) applied for and was awarded a Small Business Administration Payroll Protection Program Loan (SBA PPP) under the CARES Act that Congress authorized. We were guided by the Diocese officials to apply for this loan, due to the economic impact the Coronavirus pandemic is having on our operations. The conditions of this SBA PPP loan requires us to maintain all staff on payroll and keep them in full paid status, while also making our many obligations for all benefits (health, dental, life, disability) and funding the pension contributions for those staff.

This is a 'loan' only under this program. Our banking partner did affirm for us that the funds were 'set aside' for our Parish by SBA. We are still supplying documents for final underwriting and required justification of the loan.

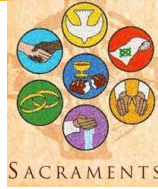
This loan, in combination with actions taken by the Diocese to allow our parish (and all parishes) to forego certain monthly payments, and to defer [for 90 days] our significant debt obligations - has provided the Parish a 'lifeline' to work through this pandemic.

Your continued generosity in the electronic offertory, BAA collection, various on line giving opportunities, white envelope debt payments, educational tuition payments, and strong commitment for St. Mary Magdalene, is quite remarkable. Thank you for all that and we can only ask you to continue your support.

The Parish Finance Committee will be working closely with the School, Preschool, Program staff, and the Diocese to get through this budget cycle and to plan for the new budget year, which starts in July. The "unknowns" we all know are significant --- about how (and when) the health officials and government will permit re-opening of the campus, our Church, our School, our Programs, and our entire community.

We will come through this challenge, and come back stronger united in our commitment to our Parish and all of our community.

## Sacraments



**BAPTISMS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Pastor. First time parents must attend a baptism class [a good time is during the 9 months prior to birth.] Baptisms are usually, not always, at 10am on Saturdays or at weekend Masses.

**CONFESSIONS** - Always check the Pastor's Paragraph in the weekly Bulletin or our E-News mailed on Fridays. Confessions are usually, but not every week, at 10:30am on Saturdays in the Church.

**WEDDINGS** - See the Guidelines on the Website - then email the Pastor.

## Reflection for Mother's Day

Mary,  
mother of Jesus,  
woman of Providence,  
you formed your child's faith  
and led him to his destiny.  
Living your life  
in a real world, as a real woman,  
you became a model for all women.  
This special day,  
as in all the days of my life,  
I ask blessings for my mother  
and for all women in my life  
whose own faith and care  
have been a life-long gift to me.  
-Sisters of Providence-

## Financial Matters

**OUR NEW CHURCH** - We have the obligation to make large monthly payments for 13 years for the construction of the church. In addition we are challenged to respond to new parish endeavors in all our parish programs. We are grateful to those who help us in the weekly Offertory for regular expenses and in the monthly white envelope for debt payments for the church.

### [DONATE NOW TO OUR NEW CHURCH](#)

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website. [http://www.stmm.church/Tax\\_statement\\_instructions\\_2019.pdf](http://www.stmm.church/Tax_statement_instructions_2019.pdf)  
For questions, email [prewitt@stmm.net](mailto:prewitt@stmm.net), or 919-657-4800 x7281.

## Parish Office

The Parish Staff is working remotely from home. We have access to email and will be responding during normal business hours.

The Church campus and offices remain closed.

Click [here](#) for online spiritual resources.

## StMM School News

### May Crowning

Please join us as we celebrate our annual tradition of May Crowning virtually via St. Mary Magdalene Catholic School's Facebook page. The live event will take place on Thursday, May 14th at 9:15am.

## Commemorative Brick Order



Due to the current Stay-at-Home order, Commemorative Bricks will not be installed this April as expected. The deadline will be extended until May 30th and the bricks will hopefully go in sometime in the summer. We will communicate when they are installed, thank you for your patience.

## Knights of Columbus Operation Feed Thy Neighbor

The Knights of Columbus Council #7186 (based at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church) is partnering with St. Mary Magdalene, Wake County Human Services and several other local churches in the area to serve desperately needed meals to children, as well as the unemployed & underemployed in the Apex area during the COVID-19 crisis.

We will continue to operate an emergency food distribution site on Saturday and Sunday evenings located here in Apex. In the first six weekends, we have served over 3,000 dinners in total to Apex residents who are in need, and have distributed over 300 bags of non-perishable goods. A sincere **THANK YOU** to all who have supported our efforts through prayer, financial donations, or contributing to our non-perishable goods collection.

We are called by Jesus to be His hands and feet on Earth in feeding the hungry. Your support will enable us to continue to provide healthy meals to our most vulnerable neighbors during this crisis.

Please join (or partner with) us in performing a corporal work of mercy!

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## Want to help, but don't know how? Here's an easy way

Dear STMM families,

STMM youth programs (Prep, The Rock, Edge, The Way & Apostello) have been looking for a way to help during this difficult time. Our own STMM Knights of Columbus have partnered with Wake County Human Services & several other local churches in the area to serve desperately needed meals to children, as well as the unemployed & underemployed in the Apex area during the COVID-19 crisis. They have set up an emergency food distribution site on Saturday and Sunday evenings located right here in Apex. In the first two weekends, they have served over 900 dinners in total to Apex residents who are in need. Their supplies and funds are running low and we'd like to humbly ask you to help out in whatever way you can during this time. We realize that not everyone is in a position to give goods or financial donations, and if that's where you find yourself right now please just join our efforts through prayer.

If however, you are in a position to help here are 2 ways we need you:

1) The KOC are putting together bags with a list of food items in them. There will be tubs located under the drive through portico on the chapel side of the church starting Monday until Thursday of each week. One tub will be labeled "Completed bags" and the other will be labeled "Bag items". If you cannot fill an entire bag, please just give what you can and we'll put bags together out of whatever we collect. This allows for a 'no contact' way to help out during this difficult time.

Here are the items for one completed bag:

- 1 Rice or dried beans
- 1 Pasta & 1 Small Canned Sauce
- 1 Boxed Meal (hamburger helper or Mac-N-Cheese)
- 1 Canned Vegetable
- 1 Canned Fruit
- 6 Snack Items (individually wrapped)
- 1 Breakfast Items
- 1 Hygiene Item
- 1 Roll of Toilet Paper

Please bag these items at home and only include "like" items from above. We are not able to date check the donations, so please fill these bags with in-date items we can hand directly to folks in need. Please make sure everything fits into ONE bag which can be double knotted!

2) If you would like to help by just a financial donation, you can go to this link and donate online: [Donate by clicking here](#)

We will keep this going over the upcoming weeks so if you can't participate this week, know you will have

a chance in the weeks to come. This is a great family service project too and is an example of one of the corporal works of mercy to feed the hungry.

If you know of anyone within our parish that is sick, in need of food or any other kind of assistance with getting groceries, picking up prescriptions, etc. Please contact either Suzanne Will at [will@stmm.net](mailto:will@stmm.net), Janine at [janine.mcgann@gmail.com](mailto:janine.mcgann@gmail.com) or Liz at [liz.sams@gmail.com](mailto:liz.sams@gmail.com).



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